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EFFECTIVE APPROACHES FOR TEACHING ENGLISH FOR ESP

Abstract

This article demonstrates some main ways and methods for teaching English for ESP students. Also, some methods and ways of having interactive and interesting during the lesson as well as some examples of the methods and their role in teaching are discussed in the following article.

Key words: ESP (English for Specific purposes), methods, teaching strategies, assignments.

Intelligence is the main part of humanity as it differs people from animals. So, teaching is absolutely important for everyone, not only for children, but also for the whole population of the country. Learning foreign languages is a very good way of getting knowledge and having intelligence. Teaching and learning English have been increasing for the last decades as it is really influential to communicate with all the other countries, nationalities easily around the world. The need for good communication skills in English has created a huge request for English teaching around the world. In order to teach ESP students effectively, teacher needs to use various types of effective methods and high peak activities during his lessons. The requirement for an appropriate teaching methodology is therefore as strong as ever.

Currently, the English language is taught in a very orthodox manner. The basic teaching is needed. Teaching the alphabets and the formation of the words is essential and a must. The foundation to teach English can only be taught using the orthodox methods of teaching the



alphabets and the words and the rules. But then teaching only the rules is found to be boring by most students and it is because of this that they lose interest in learning the language. Although there is no way other than the traditional one to teach the basics of the language these methods must be tweaked a bit so as to appeal to the students. When it comes to teaching English to students of higher classes who already know the basics the traditional methods generally tend to yield poorer results than innovative methods. This has already been proven by methods implemented like use of stories, poems, movies, books and newspapers etc. These methods help the students learn the language better without them actually realizing and also it keeps their interest.

Using stories to teach the students is an effective approach as stories form a very integral part of teaching a language. These stories help teach the students about the formation of sentences and how to express their thoughts and a lot of other things, furthermore, they help in keeping the students' interest alive as the story's end is something that every student wants to know. It appeals to the inquisitive nature of the students. Any unfinished story always keeps the mind of the reader agitated. Although this method of using stories has been implemented the procedure of teaching the language through it is generally not right. The evaluation procedure of testing the students in their proficiency over the language is through questions based on the story. This is generally not that effective. Due to this the students generally tend to take up the stories as a chapter rather than looking at it as an interesting read. A story is supposed to appeal to the creative part of the brain. It helps us be more imaginative, by trying to visualize the things that are happening inside the story. It should not only teach them the language but it should also help them in extracting a lesson from the story. Keeping questions for evaluation kills the entire idea of imagination for the students look at the story as something that they need to learn for answers.

Teaching through conversation can be a great way of teaching too. Conversations are by far the most useful ways of teaching the language. When a child learns his or her mother tongue it is by the conversations that takes place between them and others or by listening to the conversations made by the others. The child is never taught the language but is still able to percept the meaning and learns it automatically to use it in day to day life. No one ever teaches the kid the characters of the language or how to make sentences or the grammar of that language. The participation and other aspects of the conversation can always be evaluated through points which will also push the students to take part in the conversation. These conversations have to be general. They have to happen as if friends are talking to each other. This way the students are comfortable in expressing themselves in the best possible way. This process may take some time but in the end it would be the most efficient one in teaching the language.

Adding to the mentioned methods, the following teaching strategies can be noticed as the useful interactive methods:

- teaching through different types of games. it gives a great number of fun and interest to lesson; word games should be mentioned separately here, as it improves student vocabulary skills;
- competitions, this method creates an enormous emulation among student and attracts to learn more;
- creative assignments; this method requires effort on the teacher's part. Assignments help the students learn something on their own and most of the times they have to research on something then write something up on it. This method although effective is most of the



times very tedious. This method of approach is very appropriate for sciences and engineering although when it comes to languages the students should be given assignments in which they have to modify something that already exists.

- using visual aid, projectors, dynamics, multimedia slides. Multimedia sources like songs, movies, TV series, magazines, newspapers play a very vital role in improving our language. We don't even realize that they have helped us. We just wake up one fine day and realize that we are better than it than we were yesterday. Such sources can be used to help the students improve their language. But great precautions must be taken. This method should be used in the final stages of learning as that is the only place where there is no scope of damage as most of the movies and songs etc. use colloquial English most of the times which is grammatically wrong and it is very important that the students understand that fact so that they do not use that form of the language in their everyday usage.

All in all, languages play a very important role in our lives. They help us express our emotions, feelings and to communicate with people around us. They help us explain what we want. They help us to communicate and hence are the prime tools to express who we are. Thus the knowledge of a language and its proper utilization is very important as it defines us. If languages were not there to help us communicate there would be no difference in our communications and the way the animals communicate. Hence the ways the languages are taught play a very vital role in a person's life. Since English is the official language of this world it is of utmost importance that this language has to be taught in such a way that it will help us not just to speak and write and listen but to communicate. That is the purpose of the language and that is what it must be used for. Hence innovative methods help in bringing a change and most of the times for the better. It helps the students learn faster and in an efficient, interesting and an interactive manner and it is the teacher's responsibility to leave the traditional methods and make way for new and better methods for the students benefit. Active learning techniques cause students to engage with the subjects rather than passively take in information. Examples of active learning activities include brainstorming, discussing, teaching, journaling, group work, focused listening, formulating questions, note taking, annotating, and role playing are the best to mention.

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